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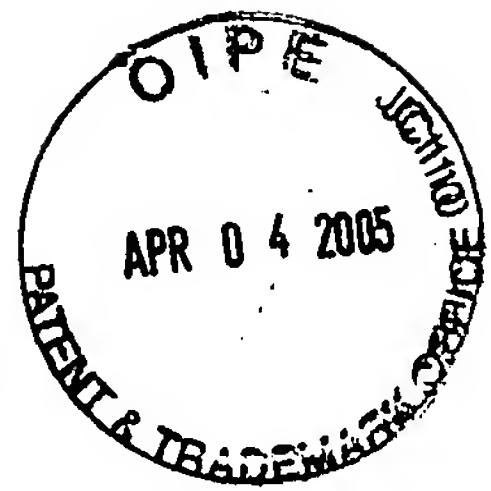
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 3, 2005, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution at this time Group I claims 1-27, drawn to an apparatus for separating leg quarters from the back portion of a poultry carcass back half. The election of Group I claims is made with traverse without prejudice to the elected Group I claims and without prejudice to the non-elected Group II claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested. The Applicant contends that Group I and II claims are closely related and have a common utility. Specifically, the disassembly of the leg and back portions of a poultry carcass. The Applicant further contends that the Group I and II claims don't pose a serious burden for the examiner by requiring two separate searches.